

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after the Title and before the first paragraph on page 1:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application of PCT  
International Application PCT/EP2004/001684.

Also, the Applicant respectfully requests that, before formally examining the application identified above, the Examiner accept the enclosed substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The Applicant believes that the substitute specification will facilitate processing of the application in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q) and asserts that it complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. Although it makes no substantive changes, the substitute specification is submitted to conform this case to the formal requirements and long-established formal standards of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice, and to provide improved idiom and better grammatical form.

Also enclosed and submitted is a marked-up copy which shows the portions of the original specification which are being added and deleted.

STATEMENT

The undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification contains no new matter and includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification showing additions and deletions.